

GOVERNOR'S MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMISSION
and the
ARIZONA MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMISSION
Thursday, November 30, 2006, at 10 a.m.
Governor's 2nd Floor Conference Room
1700 W. Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007

SUMMARY MINUTES

OPENING REMARKS

Co-Chair Tom Finnegan called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

ROLL CALL & ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

Governor's Military Affairs Commission

Commissioners Present:

- Tom Finnegan, Co-Chair, Ft. Huachuca 50
- Thomas Browning, Brig. Gen., USAF (Ret.)
- Mayor James Cavanaugh, City of Goodyear (by telephone)
- Michael Francis, West Valley Community Action Coalition
- Mayor Tom Hessler, City of Sierra Vista
- Robert Johnston, Lt. Gen., USMC (Ret.)
- Monsignor Richard O'Keeffe, Yuma
- Supervisor Sandie Smith, Pinal County (by telephone)
- Supervisor Lenore Stuart, Yuma County
- Priscilla Storm, Diamond Ventures, Tucson (by telephone)
- Mayor Robert Walkup, City of Tucson (by telephone)

Commissioners Absent:

- Lisa Atkins, Co-Chair, West Valley
- Senator Thayer Verschoor, Senate Appointee
- Representative John Nelson, Arizona House of Representatives
- Dr. William D. Carrell, Jr., Tucson

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- Supervisor Patrick Call, Cochise County (by telephone)
- Bruce Heiden, Buckeye
- Mayor Larry Nelson, City of Yuma
- John Weil, Attorney at Law, Yuma
- Leyton Woolf, Waddell
- Mayor Robert Walkup, City of Tucson (by telephone)

Commissioners Absent:

- Mayor Elaine Scruggs, City of Glendale
- Lisa Atkins, Co-Chair, West Valley
- Dr. William D. Carrell, Jr., Tucson

Staff Members Present:

- Patricia Boland, Assistant Attorney General
- Jamie Hogue, Deputy Land Commissioner – State Land Department
- Deb Sydenham, Arizona Department of Commerce
- Sherri Lee, Department of Commerce
- Patrick F. Chorprenning, Military Policy Advisor to the Governor
- Gabe Forsberg, Arizona Department of Veterans' Services

Arizona Military Affairs Commission Organizational Matters (AMAC)

Deb Sydenham discussed the requirement to keep separate the operations of the two Commissions. The Governor's Military Affairs Commission (GMAC) has a broader mission than the Arizona Military Affairs Commission (AMAC) whose purpose is to administer military installation funds.

The GMAC has two Co-Chairs, Lisa Atkins and Tom Finnegan, but currently the AMAC has no leadership. A motion was made by Mayor Nelson nominating Lisa Atkins and Tom Finnegan to serve as Co-Chairs for the AMAC, seconded by Michael Francis. By unanimous roll call vote of the AMAC, Tom Finnegan and Lisa Atkins were elected Co-Chairs of the AMAC.

Patricia Boland noted that AMAC will not need to meet as frequently as the GMAC. Patricia Boland, Deb Sydenham and Director Chorprenning will work to minimize confusion arising from the existence of the two Commissions.

Update of the Maguire Study

Allen Maguire, President of the Maguire Company, was contracted by the Arizona Department of Commerce to conduct a new study of the impact that the military has on the economy of Arizona. He distributed two documents: (1) a summary of his 2002 report "Economic Impacts of Arizona's Principal Military Operations and (2) a General Project Schedule. In response to questions and recommendations, Mr. Maguire will include the following elements in his 2007 Military Economic Impact Report:

- The financial impact of military installations be expressed in terms that are easier for non-economists to comprehend,
- Contract employees who are not stationed at the military installation but work there will be identified
- Medically retired individuals will be identified, along with other military retirees, and
- The shift in the delivery of healthcare to military retirees will be described and included in the report.

Ratification of the Arizona Department of Commerce Military Installation Fund (MIF) Recommendations

Last spring, the GMAC concurred with the recommendations made by the Dept. of Commerce regarding military installation fund applications for the purchase of private property. The newly seated AMAC Commissioners requested additional time to review the recommendations and a historical briefing on the MIF from the Arizona Department of Commerce before ratification. Next week, Ms. Sydenham will brief the newly seated AMAC members and schedule a conference call to ratify the private property purchasing recommendations.

Status Reports - MIF Project Updates

City of Yuma - Funding approved for \$1.044 million for the design phase of their traffic flow project geared to divert non-military traffic away from roadways serving the Marine Corps Air Station. The City submitted a request for proposal on 11/27/06 with a deadline for response of 12/29/06. The Yuma City Council approved the request for quotation of a project engineer. The project design is expected to commence by March 2007.

City of Tucson - Consideration of this application was tabled by the Commission until it received additional information regarding the sound attenuation feasibility study. The City's reply and update were included in the meeting packets, A motion was made by Mayor Nelson:

"Because ARS §41-1512.01.G. allows the award of funds to cities for the acquisition of private property, I move that the Commission recommend that the Department of Commerce not award funds to the City of Tucson for sound attenuation studies that will not lead to the acquisition of private property". The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

City of Goodyear - The application was tabled until receipt of further information. Co-Chair Finnegan directed the Department of Commerce to request the information from the City of Goodyear and allow them no more than 30 days to respond.

Vail School District (Pima County) - The school is unable to apply for MIF project funding without first partnering with a government entity legally authorized to receive MIF funds. An intergovernmental agreement with Pima County has been created and the project is proceeding.

Purchase of the Personal Properties - Until the Arizona Department of Commerce recommendations are ratified, the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services cannot initiate property appraisals or take forward action. Director Chorpenning introduced Mike Landry, Facilities Project Manager. Mr. Landry will handle the land acquisition.

Revenues Generated by Land Management of Purchased MIF Properties - The Arizona Department of Veterans' Services is now legally authorized to acquire land, but Director Chorpenning suggested the revenues generated from use of the land should be used to replenish the military installation fund. The revenue issue should be clarified in statute.

Discussion and Possible Action - Legislation and Military Facility Task Force Recommendations (GMAC)

Tabled.

Discussion and Possible Action - Military Base “Soft Spots” (GMAC)

Mayor Cavanaugh completed a vulnerability assessment for Luke AFB and Co-chair Finnegan will obtain a copy of the format he used. Co-Chair Finnegan will assume responsibility for preparing a “Soft Spot” review for Ft Huachuca. He assigned Mayor Walkup to prepare a “Soft Spot” review for Davis-Monthan. Supervisor Stuart accepted responsibility for conducting the reviews for the Yuma Proving Ground and the Marine Corps Air Station. Supervisor Smith accepted the assignment of a “Soft Spot” review for the National Guard, emphasizing Silverbell.

Update on MC³/MCRC (Military Community Relations Committee)

The Military Communities Compatibility Committee study should be brought up at a future meeting for discussion, including the 162nd Fighter Wing (National Guard squadrons at Davis-Monthan AFB) and the “Snowbird” program.

Discussion and Possible Action – National Guard Issues (GMAC)

Tabled.

Future Meeting Dates and Locations (GMAC and AMAC)

Co-Chair Finnegan directed the staff to determine suitable meeting dates and present to the Commissioners. The last Thursday of the month appears to be the most workable date and the times of the meetings will be extended.

Commissioners’ Updates (GMAC and AMAC)

The new members to AMAC introduced themselves and the Commissioners offered their reports. Possible action items for future meetings discussed include the following:

- The Commission may want to become a member of the Association of Defense Communities and get Arizona involved in its State Advisors Council. The website is www.defensecommunities.org.
- The Yuma Proving Ground and other military installations should be invited to a meeting to brief the Commissioners on their missions.

Call to the Public

There were three comment cards provided to Co-Chair Finnegan; two were requests to speak.

1. Karen Martin, a Tucson property owner, read a statement that she later passed out to the Commission. She asked that the Commissions investigate moving the foreign and visiting pilots to other air bases in Arizona.

2. Ann Gomez, a Tucson property owner, offered a few points for the record concerning the recent MC3 discussions. She recommended that certain functions be moved from DM to other installations.

3. Carolyn Dryer, Editor with the Glendale Star, asked, "What affect does the passage of the imminent domain proposition have on Arizona military installations?" Co-Chair Finnegan said that this was an unfunded mandate that has far-reaching implications beyond the scope of the Commissions and he felt that issues may eventually be settled in court. He asked if there were any Commissioners who felt qualified to respond to the question and there were no responses forthcoming.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:18 p.m.